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1. THE SENEGALESE HAVE TOLD THE NORWEGIANS THAT PRESIDENT SENGHOR HAS OFFERED TO ARRANGE AND MEDIATE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN SPINOLA REGIME AND PAIGC. SENEGALESE AMBASSADOR IN PARIS HELD DISCUSSIONS MAY 2 WITH SPINOLA'S CHEF DE CABINET IN EFFORT TO GET THE TWO SIDES TALKING WITHIN NEXT ONE OR TWO WEEKS. THIS WAS HIGHLIGHT OF NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY DIVISION CHIEF NYHEIM'S BRIEFING OF

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EMBOFF ON TALKS BETWEEN SENEGALESE MINISTER OF EDUCATION

OSMANE CAMARA AND FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND HELD YESTERDAY (MAY 9) IN OSLO (PARA 4 REFTEL). CAMARA IS ON SWING OF SCANDINAVIAN CAPITALS (STOCKHOLM TODAY, COPENHAGEN MONDAY FOLLOWED BY HELSINKI) TO CONVEY NEWS OF SENGOR'S OFFER AND TO URGE SCANDINAVIANS TO "EXERT PRESSURE" ON SPINOLA TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL AND AGREE TO SECRET NEGOTIATIONS WITH PAIGC UNDER SENEGALESE AUSPICES.

2. ACCORDING TO NYHEIM, SENGHOR SENT SECRET MESSAGE TO SPINOLA THROUGH "SWISS CHANNELS" AT END OF APRIL STRESSING NECESSITY OF URGENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH PAIGC AND OFFERING SENEGALESE ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING NEGOTIATIONS. RESULTS OF MAY 2 MEETING IN PARIS NOT COMPLETELY CLEAR BUT MINISTER CAMARA EMPHASIZED SENEGALESE WANT NEGOTIATIONS TO COMMENCE WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS AND PREDICTED SOARES WOULD REPRESENT PORTUGUESE SIDE. NEGOTIATIONS WOULD TAKE PLACE IN PARIS WITH SENEGALESE AMBASSADOR SERVING AS INTERMEDIARY. SENEGALESE ASKED FOR NORWEGIAN SUPPORT OF SENGHOR PROPOSAL, FOR NORWEGIANS TO PRESSURE LISBON TO NEGOTIATE WITH PAIGC SOONEST, FOR IMMEDIATE RECOGNITION OF GUINEA-BISSAU AND FOR SUPPRT FOR G-B MEMBERSHIP BID AT 29TH UNGA.

3. NYHEIM CONTINUED THAT OFFICIAL NORWEGIAN POSITION IS STILL "WAIT-AND-SEE". PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST LEADER SOARES APPARENTLY TOLD NORWEGIANS IN HELSINKI THAT SPINOLA NEEDS MORE TIME; EXCESSIVE PRESSURE AT THIS POINT COULD COMPLICATE SITUATION AND PROVE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. NORWAY PLANS TO RECOMMEND "AT SUITABLE TIME" THAT PORTUGUESE SHOULD COMMENCE NEGOTIATIONS WITH PAIGC. WE UNDERSTAND THAT "SUITABLE TIME" MEANS AFTER PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT IS NAMED AND POLICY ON COLONIES BECOMES SOMEWHAT CLEARER. NORWAY WILL NOT EXTEND RECOGNITION TO G-B AT THIS TIME NOR WHILE DELICATE NEGOTIATIONS ARE UNDER WAY BETWEEN PAIGC AND PORTUGUESE. LIKEWISE NORWAY WILL ABSTAIN ON QUESTIONS OF GUINEA BISSAU MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OR UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES DURING THIS PERIOD.

4. FOREIGN MINISTRY REGARDS SENEGALESE PROPOSAL AS MODERATE, WORTHWHILE AND DESERVING OF SUCCESS AND SUPPORT. NYHEIM POINTS OUT THAT SENEGALESE HOPE TO ARRANGE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN  
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SPINOLA REPRESENTATIVE AND LUIS CABRAL OF PAIGC RATHER THAN WHAT HE TERMED "LESS MODERATE CONAKRY FACTION". BOTH SENEGALESE AND NORWEGIANS FEEL THAT EARLY INITIATION OF CABRAL-SOARES NEGOTIATIONS WOULD ALLOW BOTH SIDES TO CONSIDER THORNY ISSUES OF "WHITE SETTLERS" AND "FOREIGN INVESTORS" UNDER OPTIMUM CIRCUMSTANCES AND PERHAPS HELP EASE ANTICIPATED DIFFICULTIES OVER THESE POINTS IN FOLLOW-ON DISCUSSIONS OVER FUTURES OF ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE.

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